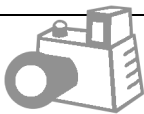


Spotlight News

Live from the Red Carpet of Mrs. Weil's Room

February 5, 2009
Grade 3
Lincoln School

Snapshots of Our Week



Reading:

Last week students read a heart-warming historical fiction story called, "Me and Uncle Romie" which discusses the importance of family and trying new things. This week we read a fable called, "Half-Chicken" about a chicken that learned a valuable lesson. We have really been focusing on theme the past couple of weeks and how it differs from main idea. New guided reading groups are moving along and I have met with all groups to have in-depth discussions about the books they are reading.

In addition to reading groups, we have been doing many reading responses. Students read a multi-level question about a story and they have to respond to it in several parts.

Writing:

The children just finished writing an expository on a special place. They did a wonderful job adding in vivid adjectives, transitions and starting sentences in different ways. We have spent a lot of time working on introductions and closings and how good writers should capture the reader's attention. Imagery, starting with a quote or interesting statement are just some of the ways we begin our introductions.

Math:

In math, we are well into our Geometry Unit. Last chapter we learned about symmetry, congruency and similar figures. Now we are identifying, modeling, and combining solid figures. We have also started practicing math extended response, which is on the ISAT. Extended response are math story problems, where the students have to show all of their work and write, in detailed steps, how they got their answer.

Science/Social Studies:

In social studies the students worked very hard researching information on the country they are studying. They used books and the internet to find interesting facts. We are now making a VoiceThread, which is an online program to showcase pictures and the students' own voices giving information on their country. We can't wait to show you the projects at conferences!

Just a reminder of our class WIKI link:
<http://mrsweilswiki.wikispaces.com/>



Coming Attractions

Feb. 15- NO SCHOOL President's Day
March 17- Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m.
March 18- Conferences 12:00-8:00 p.m.
March 19- Conferences 8:00-12:00 p.m.
March 26- Spring Break begins at end of day

Now Featuring:

A Two-Thumbs Up Website

Math Fun!

On this site children can practice important math skills that we cover in class.

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/hsp/math/na/index.html>

From The Teacher:

- Things are very busy in the Third Grade hall! We have been doing lots of writing, reading and math.
- Now that we are in February, we are preparing for the ISAT test, which your students will take at the beginning of March. Students are very motivated and have been working very hard. There is an optional extra credit geometry assignment that is due back on Feb. 16th. Students can create a map of geometric figures and shapes. A yellow sheet went home with more information. Next Friday we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. If your child would like to decorate a box or envelope to collect the valentine's, please have it to school by Feb. 11th. On the other side of this newsletter is a class list.
- Hope everyone had a nice week and enjoy the weekend!



From,
Mrs. Weil



Mrs. Weil's Class List

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